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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY INSPIRED BY PARA 4, REFTEL,
WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM THE
CONTROLLER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE (ELDON SMITH):

BEGIN TEXT:

IT IS THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF'S INTENTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE P&P COMMITTEE THAT SINCE:

- (I) BOTH STATIONS ARE CO-LOCATED WITH US PROVIDED LORAN "C" FACILITIES:
- (II) JAN MAYEN IS ALSO CO-LOCATED WITH HOST NATION METEOROLOGICAL AND SEISMOGRAPHIC FACILITIES;
- (III) THE BUILDINGS AND UTILITIES WOULD BE EXTREMELY CONFIDENTIAL

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EXPENSIVE TO REPLACE SHOULD THERE BE A FUTURE NATO REQUIREMENT IN THESE AREAS,

THE FACILITIES, OTHER THAN ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, SHOULD BE RETAINED IN THE NATO INVENTORY AT NO COST TO NATO FOR CARE AND MAINTENANCE ON THE UNDERSTANDING, HOWEVER, THAT SHOULD A POSSIBLE NATO USE BE DECLARED FOR THESE

FACILITIES AT SOME LATER DATE, THE USAGE WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO NATO.

IT IS LIKELY THAT AFTER STUDY, THE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE OTHER CO-LOCATED LORAN "A" SITE AT SANDUR, ICELAND, WILL BE SIMILAR.

THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF, HOWEVER, CANNOT GIVE ANY ASSURANCE THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD APPROVE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS.

END TEXT.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEES WILL ACCEPT THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION WHEN MADE. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON ACCEPTABILITY OF CONDITIONS CONTAINED THEREIN. BENNETT

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